

LISTING OF SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace paragraph [0051] with the following amended paragraph:

The first subcomponent 12a and the second subcomponent 14a are identical to those described above with reference to FIG. 3 with the exception that the first subcomponent 12a includes a female socket, which is an annular recess 30a that receives a cylindrical male pin 32a of the second subcomponent 14a. The male pin 32a/female socket 30a facilitate assembly of the first and second subcomponents 12a, 14a by serving as an alignment guide, and provide stability to the union while the threaded nut 20a is being tightened. The male subcomponent may optionally include one or more peripheral grooves that receive an O-ring 34a. The O-rings 34a provide a backup to the metal ring gasket 18a 18. It should be noted, however, that during extensive testing the metal ring gasket has not leaked or failed.